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'GOVERNMENT NOT AGAINST FUTURE POLITICAL GROWTH'

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THERE IS NO QUESTION OF OPPOSITION BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT OR BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT TO THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE POLITICAL STRUCTURE OF HONG KONG, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

+IT IS SIMPLY A QUESTION OF MAKING IT PROGRESSIVE, TIMING IT WELL, AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR WAS SPEAKING TO NEWSMEN AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A NEW BOTTLING HALL OF THE SAN MIGUEL BREWERY IN SHAM TSENG.

+I SAW IN THE PRESS OVER THE WEEKEND SOMETHING WHICH SUGGESTED THAT PEOPLE HAD MISUNDERSTOOD WHAT HAD BEEN SAID IN PARLIAMENT ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE POLITICAL STRUCTURE IN HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

+THE IMPRESSION WAS THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WAS OPPOSED TO OR SAID 'NO CHANGE' ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE POLITICAL STRUCTURE.

+I'D LIKE TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THERE IS NO OPPOSITION. SO DON'T MISREAD WHAT YOU READ IN PARLIAMENT,+ HE SAID.

ASKED WHETHER THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE POLITICAL STRUCTURE WAS WHAT HE DISCUSSED WITH THE BRITISH PRIME MINISTER, MRS MARGARET THATCHER, WHEN HE LAST VISITED LONDON, SIR EDWARD SAID +I DISCUSSED QUITE A LOT OF THINGS WITH MRS THATCHER.+

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ON WHETHER HONG KONG'S CONSULTATIVE SYSTEM NEEDED IMPROVEMENT, HE SAID THERE WAS ALWAYS ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT IN ANY SYSTEM.

+BUT THE GREAT THING IS THAT WE SHOULD RECOGNISE THAT WE NEVER STAND STILL IN HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

+WE ARE ALWAYS TRYING TO MAKE IT BETTER.+

COMMENTING ON THE BID BY CABLE AND WIRELESS TO TAKE OVER THE HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, SIR EDWARD SAID +WE NATURALLY WELCOME THE KIND OF COMMITMENT WHICH CABLE AND WIRELESS IS SHOWING TOWARDS HONG KONG.+

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GOVERNOR PRAISES SAN MIGUEL FOR CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG
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THE NEW BOTTLING HALL OF THE SAN MIGUEL BREWERY AT SHAM TSENG WAS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE COMPANY'S CONTINUED CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY.

+I WELCOME THIS KIND OF COMMITMENT AS DEMONSTRATED BY SAN MIGUEL,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE BOTTLING HALL, THE GOVERNOR SAID:

+IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO BE HERE TODAY FOR THE OPENING OF THE NEW BOTTLING HALL OF SAN MIGUEL BREWERY.

+THIS HALL IS ONE OF THE MOST MODERN OF ITS KIND IN THE REGION. IT IS EQUIPPED WITH TWO HIGH-SPEED BOTTLING LINES AND A FULLY AUTOMATIC FILTRATION SYSTEM. IT WILL SATISFY DEMAND FOR THE COMPANY'S PRODUCTS WELL INTO THE 1990'S.

+DURING THE THIRTY FIVE YEARS SINCE IT BEGAN BUSINESS HERE, SAN MIGUEL HAS DEMONSTRATED ITS CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG BY CONTINUOUSLY UPGRADING AND EXPANDING ITS PRODUCTION FACILITIES. THE INVESTMENT WHICH THE COMPANY HAS MADE IN THIS NEW HALL IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE COMPANY'S CONTINUED CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG. I WELCOME THIS KIND OF COMMITMENT AS DEMONSTRATED BY SAN MIGUEL.

+APART FROM ITS BUSINESS ACTIVITIES, SAN MIGUEL HAS ALSO GIVEN SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT TO COMMUNITY PROJECTS. THE COMPANY'S GENEROUS DONATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO OUR UNIVERSITIES, THE POLYTECHNIC, AND THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES DURING THE PAST TWELVE YEARS, COUPLED WITH ITS FIRM SUPPORT IN THE PROMOTION OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME AND OTHER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, ARE GOOD EXAMPLES OF INDUSTRY'S CONTRIBUTION TO A BETTER HONG KONG.

+I HAVE MUCH PLEASURE NOW IN DECLARING THIS NEW BOTTLING HALL OPEN AND I WISH SAN MIGUEL CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE YEARS AHEAD.+

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OUR POPULATION IS 5 344 400

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THE ESTIMATED POPULATION OF HONG KONG AT THE END OF DECEMBER LAST YEAR WAS 5 344 400, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THIS IS AN INCREASE OF 56 600 PERSONS OR 1.1 PER CENT OVER END-1982.

THE LOW RATE OF INCREASE IN 1983 - COMPARED WITH THE 1.6 PER CENT INCREASE IN END-1982 - WAS DUE TO A SHARP DECREASE IN THE BALANCE OF MIGRATION, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE BALANCE OF TOTAL ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES SHOWED A SMALL NET OUTFLOW OF 952 PERSONS DURING 1983.

THERE WERE 83 883 BIRTHS LAST YEAR, AS AGAINST 86 629 IN 1982.

DEATHS TOTALLED 26 284, COMPARED WITH 25 281 IN 1982.

NATURAL INCREASE, THAT IS THE SURPLUS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS, AMOUNTED TO 57 599, WHICH WHOLLY ACCOUNTED FOR THE POPULATION GROWTH IN 1983.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE POPULATION ESTIMATES MAY BE DIRECTED TO MR WONG LOK-CHOW AT TEL: 5-411236.

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FIVE CROWN SITES TO BE AUCTIONED

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FIVE PIECES OF CROWN LAND WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY THE LANDS DEPARTMENT AT AN AUCTION ON FEBRUARY 28.

THE FIRST SITE, AT ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD BETWEEN SAI ON AND WU PAK STREETS, MEASURES 1 579 SQUARE METRES AND IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, EXCLUDING A GODOWN.

UNDER THE SALE CONDITIONS, THE PURCHASER WILL BE REQUIRED TO BUILD A POST OFFICE OF NOT LESS THAN 1 009 SQUARE METRES IN AREA ON THE GROUND AND FIRST FLOORS OF THE BUILDING AND HAND IT OVER TO THE GOVERNMENT, WHICH WILL PAY THE CONSTRUCTION COST.

ALSO TO BE PROVIDED IS A MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK WITH AT LEAST 200 SPACES FOR PUBLIC USE, HALF OF WHICH ARE TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR SHORT-TERM PARKING.

THE LOT CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$26 MILLION TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE MARCH 31, 1988.

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THE SECOND SITE, ALSO FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL USE, IS IN ON PONG ROAD, TAI PO NEW TOWN.

IT HAS AN AREA OF 9 016 SQUARE METRES WITH A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$60 MILLION TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN 48 MONTHS.

THE SALE CONDITIONS ALLOW FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TWO DOUBLE CRUCIFORM AND ONE SINGLE CRUCIFORM STYLE PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL TOWER BLOCKS ABOVE A PODIUM.

THE MAXIMUM FLOOR SPACE FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES WILL BE 30 700 SQUARE METRES, WHILE THE TOTAL FLOOR SPACE FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL USE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO EXCEED 2 640 SQUARE METRES.

ANOTHER SITE BEING OFFERED FOR SALE IS IN SAI CHING STREET, YUEN LONG.

IT IS A NON-INDUSTRIAL LOT WITH AN AREA OF 3 642 SQUARE METRES. THE PLOT RATIO VARIES FROM 3.3 TO 9.5 DEPENDING ON THE TYPE OF BUILDINGS TO BE PUT UP.

THE DEVELOPER WILL BE REQUIRED TO FULFIL A \$28-MILLION BUILDING COVENANT WITHIN 48 MONTHS.

THE FOURTH SITE, FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL USE, IS IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN NEAR WONG FUNG LEK.

THE SITE COVERS 7 791 SQUARE METRES AND HAS A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$40 MILLION TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN FOUR YEARS.

ONE OF THE DEVELOPMENT CONDITIONS IS THAT THE TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA OF BUILDINGS ON THE LOT SHOULD NOT EXCEED 28 380 SQUARE METRES.

THE REMAINING SITE TO BE OFFERED FOR SALE IS IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN AND MEASURES 21 070 SQUARE METRES.

IT IS FOR INDUSTRIAL OR GODOWN DEVELOPMENT OR A BUS DEPOT.

THE BUILDING COVENANT IS \$50 MILLION TO BE COMPLETED IN 48 MONTHS.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE FOR THE FIVE SITES CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG; DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON; AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, TAI PO, NORTH, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

SALE PLANS MAY ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THE SAME LOCATIONS.

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE AND START AT 2.30 PM.

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BUS ROUTE EXTENSION CONSIDERED

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT, TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE TRANSPORT FACILITIES FOR PASSENGERS IN THE WAN CHAI RECLAMATION AREA, THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY IS CONSIDERING EXTENDING ROUTE 5M TO CONNECT THE WAN CHAI RECLAMATION WITH THE MTR STATIONS IN CENTRAL. ROUTE 5M AT PRESENT IS AN MTR FEEDER SERVICE SERVING KENNEDY TOWN AND CHATER STATION.

THE REVISED ROUTING FOR 5M IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED SHORTLY. TIMING DEPENDS ON CMB'S REDEPLOYMENT OF BUSES. IT COULD BE AS EARLY AS NEXT MONDAY, BUT WILL CERTAINLY BE WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

CMB HAS AGREED TO CONTINUE ROUTE 24M BETWEEN JACKSON ROAD AND THE WAN CHAI RECLAMATION AREA UNTIL THE REVISED 5M ROUTE IS INTRODUCED IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THERE WILL BE NO INTERRUPTION OF BUS SERVICE. THIS SUPERSEDES THE EARLIER ANNOUNCEMENT BY CMB THAT ROUTE 24M WOULD BE DISCONTINUED FROM TOMORROW (FEBRUARY 8).

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POSTAL BOX RAIN SHELTERS FOR SQUATTER RESIDENTS

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A PILOT SCHEME WILL SOON BE INTRODUCED TO PROVIDE RAIN-SHELTERED COMMUNAL POSTAL BOXES FOR SQUATTER RESIDENTS IN THE NORTH DISTRICT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE SCHEME RESULTS FROM A STUDY CARRIED OUT BY A WORKING GROUP UNDER THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD HEADED BY MR TANG KWOK-YUNG.

UNDER THE SCHEME, TWO RAIN SHELTERS WITH COMMUNAL POSTAL BOXES WILL BE BUILT AT PO KAT TSAI IN FANLING AT A COST OF \$18 000, FOR THE BENEFIT OF ABOUT 2 000 RESIDENTS THERE.

MR TANG EXPLAINED THAT THE SQUATTER HUTS THERE ARE SO SCATTERED THAT THEY MAKE DOOR-TO-DOOR POSTAL DELIVERY IMPOSSIBLE. AND THE POSTAL BOXES IN SQUATTER HUTS ARE OFTEN EXPOSED TO THE WEATHER AND WORN OUT VERY EASILY, HE ADDED.

AS A RESULT, THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL BE PROVIDING SITES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF RAIN SHELTERS SO THAT RESIDENTS CAN PUT UP POSTAL BOXES THERE.

+THE PROJECT AT PO KAT TSAI IS A PILOT SCHEME. IF IT PROVES SUCCESSFUL, WE WILL CONSIDER EXTENDING IT TO OTHER AREAS,+ HE SAID.

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BOARD TO REVIEW SYSTEM
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YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL REVIEW THE PRESENT DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM, AT THEIR MEETING ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 9).

THEY WILL TALK ABOUT THE ROLE OF THE BOARD AND ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AS WELL AS WITH AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OTHER DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF TWO NEW ROADS NEAR THE LONG PING PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE.

THE NEW ROADS WILL GIVE ACCESS TO THE ESTATE AND IMPROVE ACCESS TO THE YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, AND WILL EVENTUALLY BE PART OF A LINK ROAD TO THE TIN SHUI WAI DEVELOPMENT.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE DISCUSSIONS ON THE BUILDING OF A TOWN SQUARE AND PROGRESS REPORTS OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 9.30 AM ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 9) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF YUEN LONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING.

A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 8.15 AM SHARP FOR YUEN LONG.

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TRAINING GUIDELINE FOR ACCOUNTANTS PUBLISHED
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THE ACCOUNTANCY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL HAS RECENTLY PUBLISHED A MANUAL OF JOB SPECIFICATIONS IN THE ACCOUNTANCY FIELD.

THE MANUAL IS DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS ACCORDING TO JOBS IN THE PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING SECTOR AND THE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ACCOUNTING SECTOR.

THE TRAINING BOARD HAS PRESCRIBED FOUR PRINCIPAL JOBS AT VARIOUS LEVELS FOR THE PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING SECTOR, AND 14 JOB SPECIFICATIONS IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ACCOUNTING WORK.

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THESE JOB SPECIFICATIONS DEAL WITH THE SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND TRAINING REQUIRED FOR EACH OF THE PRINCIPAL JOBS IN ACCOUNTANCY, SAID MR R.S. SHELDON, CHAIRMAN OF THE TRAINING BOARD.

+THE MANUAL PROVIDES GUIDELINES FOR INSTITUTIONS AND TRAINING ORGANISATIONS IN THE PLANNING OF RELEVANT COURSES.

+IT WILL ENABLE EMPLOYERS TO DRAW UP SYSTEMATIC PRACTICAL ON-THE-JOB TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES AS WELL,+ HE SAID.

THE MANUAL, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE AT \$12.50 A COPY.

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LONG DISTANCE RUN

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THE LONG DISTANCE GOVERNMENT INTER-DEPARTMENTAL RACE 1984 ORGANISED THIS YEAR BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 11), STARTING AT 10 AM FROM THE WAN CHAI GAP PLAYGROUND.

THE MEN'S RACE WILL BE OVER EIGHT KILOMETRES AND THE LADIES' RACE WILL BE OVER FOUR KILOMETRES.

GUESTS OF HONOUR WILL BE THE CHIEF JUSTICE SIR DENYS ROBERTS, AND THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR F.M. WATSON.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. FIRE SERVICES INFORMATION OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

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POST OFFICE TO CLOSE FOR WORKS

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THE BEACONSFIELD HOUSE POST OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 9) TO APRIL 17 TO ALLOW MAJOR RENOVATION WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT.

A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN ADVISED THAT A TEMPORARY LETTER POSTING BOX WILL BE INSTALLED, BUT URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, MEANWHILE, TO USE THE FACILITIES AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE AT CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT THE HENNESSY ROAD POST OFFICE IN ASIAN HOUSE, OR AT QUEEN'S ROAD POST OFFICE, 160 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

+THE RENOVATION WORKS AT THE BEACONSFIELD HOUSE POST OFFICE, ARE INTENDED TO PROVIDE IMPROVED SERVICES,+ HE ADDED.

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TUEN MUN ROAD WORKS

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TUEN MUN ROAD WESTBOUND BETWEEN SHAM TSENG INTERCHANGE AND SIU LAM WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM MIDNIGHT TOMORROW (FEBRUARY 8) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WORKS.

THE SAME ROAD BETWEEN SIU LAM AND PUI TO ROAD ROUNDABOUT WILL BE CLOSED FROM MIDNIGHT ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 9) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY AND FROM MIDNIGHT ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 10) TO 6 AM ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 11).

TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CASTLE PEAK ROAD DURING THE CLOSURES.

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